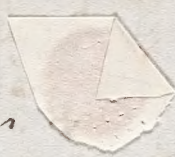


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Reverend Amos A. Phelps
City of
New York



Ans. Aug 13.

New Haven, Aug. 1. 1846.

Rev. Mr. May

flition of suffering on me, my dear family, and my abolition and christian friends; and dragging me from my long continued solitude before the public, and committing me odiously with a controversy, with which by your own showing I have no connexion. And you cannot have forgotten, that my name has been placed once before much in the same position. -

Now permit me to ask you, Dear Sir, as a professing christian, and a christian minister, whether, when you are pleading the cause of the oppressed, the down trodden, - it is either humane, or kind, or christian, thus reproachfully by the confusion in which my name is placed to hold me up to the world, because I am oppressed and down trodden; when so far as I have been the occasion of it, I have through the most ^{public} channels of communication humbly asked the world for forgiveness? While the master and his slave must meet at the day of judgment, so must you and I! Will any kind of oppression then be approved?

I have written thus freely and confidentially, and I trust kindly, - requesting, that while you have wounded me and my friends anew by the manner, in which you have used my name, you will not do it again. - What you have published is now before the world, and cannot be taken back without calling public attention still more to the subject, and rendering my sufferings the greater. -

I would indulge no spirit of selfjustification. I only ask you to act towards me on the great principle, upon which you plead for the emancipation of the oppressed; - be a consistent abolitionist and christian, and do to me, as you would wish you to do to you in an exchange of circumstances. I ask no more than this.

Wishing you divine illumination, and success in every laudable and christian effort for the deliverance of the enslaved, and the raising up of the oppressed, I remain unworthily
yours, W. Fay -
Rev. Mr. Phelps. -

my case had no communion with your principles, as the A. B. C. F. M. were never called by any action to separate me from corporate membership any more than the Rev. Dr. Miller, who resigned for one reason, and I for another.

Unkind—not only as it unnecessarily aggravates my feelings, and brings me before the public as meriting excoriation, whom I have lived six years in silence, and retirement, and sorrow,—but I have a wife, and children, and dear relations, and Christian friends, "Christ, o little ones,"—who are aggrieved, and made to suffer;—and let me add, that Christians, who have known me but the last six years, many of whom are decided abolitionists, will have no sympathy with such an injurious and unkind use of my name. They see no good reason, why I should again be brought reproachfully before the world in this great public controversy, with which I have no communion whatever.

Unchristian—not only for some of the reasons mentioned above,—but you will know, that committed with the answer of an ecclesiastical Council six years since, I through the most widely circulated religious newspapers, humbly asked ^{they} forgiveness of my fellow men as well as of my heavenly Father, for all he had seen wrong or sinful in me;—and now will you please to turn to that sacred book, according to which you and I must be judged, and read Matth. 6: 14, 15 and also the Lord's prayer, which precedes; also Matth. 18: 35, Mark 11: 25, 26—Luke 11: 4—Luke 6: 37—and other similar passages. O my dear Sir, if some professing Christians are forgiven of God so as, or only as, they forgive others, and this is an established principle in the divine word,—"forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,"—how will they find acceptance at the last great day?

Unchristian also, because holding me up thus reproachfully to the world is adapted to wound again the cause of Christ, and because it turns an uncalled for and "oppressive" in-

Warren Fay, Northboro'

Aug. 1, 1845.

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Recd. and Dear Sir,

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This is the bright and glorious anniversary day of West India emancipation; - and how desirable, that all the enslaved in the whole world should enjoy such a blessed jubilee! - Every year and every month I feel a still stronger desire, that slavery may cease from under the whole heaven. - The earnest and cheerful demonstration, which this Town presented the last year to the Congress of the U. States against the annexation of Texas to this Union, as an unrighteous and wicked extension of slavery, was an expression of my sober convictions, and was drawn up by myself. - I have read monthly the Anti-Slavery Reporter, and perused the July number with careful attention.

As it respects your controversy with the A. M. C. F. M. I have nothing to say, and you have published to the world once and again, that I have no connexion with the Am. Board.

But there is one thing for which I feel injured and aggrieved, and which you will excuse me for stating to you, as it seems my duty to do, though I do it with painful reluctance. - I do it privately and confidentially, insisting that no publicity shall be given to it whatever.

I feel aggrieved and injured, that after six years of suffering, and sorrow, and retirement, - you should in the Anti-Slavery Reporter for July - under the topic of "the election of corporate members" - hold me up again to public scorn and reproach. - I cannot but regard it, as unnecessary, unkind, and unchristian.

Unnecessary - because you could in the 2^d and 3^d particulars specified under this general topic, have stated your principle just as well without the use of my name; and because